

Reverend and dear Father,

In 2019, as you know, the faculty to confirm baptized Catholics was granted to pastors, administrators, and sacramental ministers in those years when a bishop was not scheduled to celebrate Confirmation for candidates of his parish. It was the understanding that these celebrations of Confirmation by pastors or sacramental ministers would take place on the Solemnity of Pentecost.

Since Pentecost falls on the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend in 2023, concerns have been raised about scheduling a parish Confirmation on a public holiday weekend, especially a time when many families travel and participate in other gatherings. **Therefore, if determined prudent, the parish celebration of Confirmation by the pastor, administrator, or sacramental minister may be celebrated on the Seventh Sunday of Easter next year – May 21, 2023.** Parishes that are scheduled to have me celebrate Confirmation in 2023 (see attachment) should anticipate a date soon.

Should you have any questions, please contact David Baloga, Director for Worship, at 570-207-2213, ext. 1158 or at [David-Baloga@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:David-Baloga@dioceseofscranton.org).

With gratitude for your continued service to the People of God, I remain

Faithfully yours in Christ,

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